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SUMMARY: IN HIS CONSTITUTION DAY ADDRESS, PRESIDENT PAK
ONCE AGAIN STRESSED SELF-RELIANCE AND INDEPENDENCE AS PRE-
EMINENT NATIONAL GOALS AND EMPHASIZED THAT YUSHIN
CONSTITUTION IS STILL MOST DEMOCRATIC ARRANGEMENT
POSSIBLE GIVEN CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION AND PRESENT
DEVELOPMENT OF KOREAN INSTITUTIONS. END SUMMARY

1. ON JULY 17, PRESIDENT PAK ISSUED 29TH CONSTITUTION
DAY ADDRESS, EMPHASIZING, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THAT
NATION "CAN ANTICIPATE NEITHER NATIONAL SECURITY NOR
DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICS, STRONG ECONOMY OR CULTURAL
ACHIEVEMENT WITHOUT SELF-RELIANCE AND INDEPENDENCE."
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TROOPS, READ IN THAT CONTEXT, STATEMENT BECOMES ANOTHER
STRONG AFFIRMATION THAT PRESIDENT IS AGAIN EXHORTING
KOREANS TO STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET.

2. AS IN LAST YEAR'S ADDRESS ON SAME DATE (REF), PRESIDENT
EMPHASIZED CONTINUED NEED FOR YUSHIN CONSTITUTION. HE SAID
YUSHIN OFFERS COUNTRY NOT ONLY NATIONAL EFFICIENCY BUT

ALSO UNITY. HE UNDERScoreD HIS CONTENTION THAT IN UNITY AND
HARD WORK THERE IS NATIONAL STRENGTH, THE END ALL/BE ALL
FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

3. COMING AS IT DID BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SOME EMERGENCY
MEASURE NO. NINE PRISONERS WOULD BE RELEASED (SEPTel), TEXT
UNDERScoreS ONCE AGAIN PRESIDENT'S LONG TIME CONTENTION THAT
ORIGINAL IMPETUS FROM KOREAN PEOPLE FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT
HAS BEEN MET BY YUSHIN. IN THIS YEAR'S TEXT, READ BY
PRIME MINISTER CHOE KYU-HA, PAK NOTES THAT "KOREA HAD
INTRODUCED WESTERN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS BEFORE IT HAD
BUILT UP SOLID FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT SUCH INSTITUTIONS." "WE
IMITATED THIS FOREIGN WAY OF THINKING TOO MUCH", PAK INSISTED,
"AND (UNTIL YUSHIN) HAD NOT MATCHED OUR INSTITUTIONS TO OUR
OWN REALITY."

4. COMMENT: APPEARS TO US THAT, COMING AS IT DID ON DAY
OF PRISONER RELEASE, SPEECH IS A CAUTION TO DISSIDENTS
THAT ALTHOUGH ROKG MAY LOOSEN SOME RESTRICTIONS, IT DOES
NOT CONSIDER KOREA READY FOR FULL "WESTERN STYLE"
DEMOCRACY AND THAT RELEASED PRISONERS AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVISTS
SHOULD ACT ACCORDINGLY.
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